The absence of such returns from revenue courts is a fruitful cause of delay and no check is therefore exercised on them.

Reply of Government.—Serious delinquencies will be severely noticed.

SUBJECT No. 161.

Permission to the khatedar in the malnad to allow his neighbours to build houses in his dry land.

Mr. M. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the malnad villages houses are few and far between. Moreover it is necessary for khatedars to live near their cultivated lands. Consequently without the help of others it is very difficult for a single family to live in almost a deserted jungle. It is prayed that khatedars may be permitted to allow their neighbours to build houses on their dry lands in the malnad.

Malali Venkataramaiya.—There were two such cases in the Hanbal hobli of the Manjarabad Taluk in the Hassan District. There is great delay in the grant of permission and fines are imposed if houses are built before permission is received.

Reply of Government.—The cases referred to from the Hanbal hobli will be enquired into. The rules are being enforced with great consideration and delays avoided as much as possible. The rules however are necessary and cannot be altered.

SUBJECT No. 162.

Khaneshumari account.

Mr. Krishnachar, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Just as khate is permanently preserved, khaneshumari accounts may also be similarly preserved, so that there may be the same facility of reference in cases of houses as in the case of lands. If that is not possible, it may be preserved for at least 30 years.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary.

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SUBJECT No. 163.

Disposal of forest produce by contract.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastri, Yalakki Gowda and Soma Setty, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to the special contract system, the best timber is exported outside the State, and a time may come when we cannot get such timber here any longer. This system may therefore be abolished, and the timber cut and sold by departmental agency.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—Measurement of timber cut should be made in the forest, and not in the depot as is being done at Chikmagalur.

Reply of Government.—Work is done systematically according to defined working plans and over-exploitation is not allowed.

The measurement of timber in the forests is only allowed in the Mysore District. This practice said to exist in Chikmagalur is irregular. Inquiries will be made and the needful orders issued.